UTAH OGM COAL PROGRAM MEETING NOTES

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Date:

October 31, 2006

Time:

8:30 - 9:10 am

Location:

Joint Agency Conference Call - Local Offices

To:

Internal File, Bear Canyon Mine, C/015/0025, Task #2680

From:

D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor

Attendees:

Jim Kohler, Jeff McKenzie, Steve Falk – BLM, Jeff Alexander, Dale Harber, Karl Boyer

– USFS, Mary Ann Wright, Jim Smith, Steve Christensen, Wayne Hedberg - OGM

Purpose:

To give respective agency updates and status report on progress of permit application

review.

MEETING SUMMARY:

Division received latest deficiency response documents from permittee on October 30, 2006. A copy was also received by Forest Service on October 27, 2006. Division will hand deliver copies to PFO and Price BLM office today. Division hopes to review and respond to latest information by October 15th.

Karl Boyer will be working on hydrology sections (3 & 4) of the updated EA. Dale Harber is working on the wildlife sections. USFS has received copy of the Division's current East Mountain CHIA. This CHIA will be updated by the Division as part of the approval process for this project expansion. Jeff McKenzie is assisting USFS in preparing a draft write up of the Socio-economic section for the EA.

Discussed Division's uncertainty regarding proposed mine plan development within federal lease block (U-46484) in the McCadden Hollow area. This area appears to be highly fractured and faulted. A final decision on mining this coal will be determined at a future date when additional geologic information is acquired.

Some discussion occurred regarding the North Emery Water Users written protests that were filed in response to the USFS July 2006 scoping notices on the project expansion proposal.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:

Division will discuss Section 106 processing of draft archaeology survey report with USFS archaeologist this week.

USFS will focus on finishing the EA first and hopefully have a draft ready just before the Veterans' Day Holiday (November 9th).

Next follow up conference call scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th at 8:00am. Will use BLM conference bridge phone number.

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